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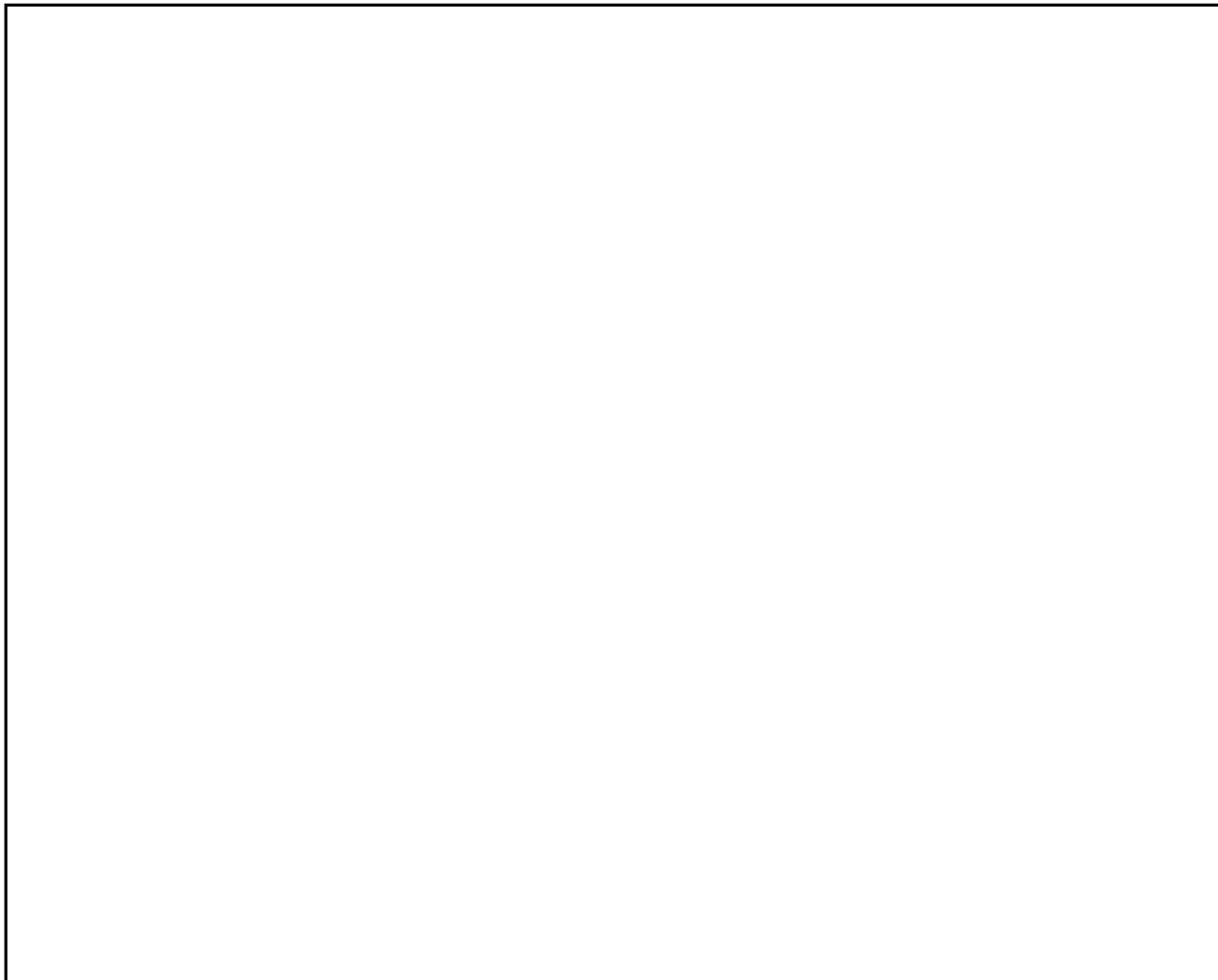
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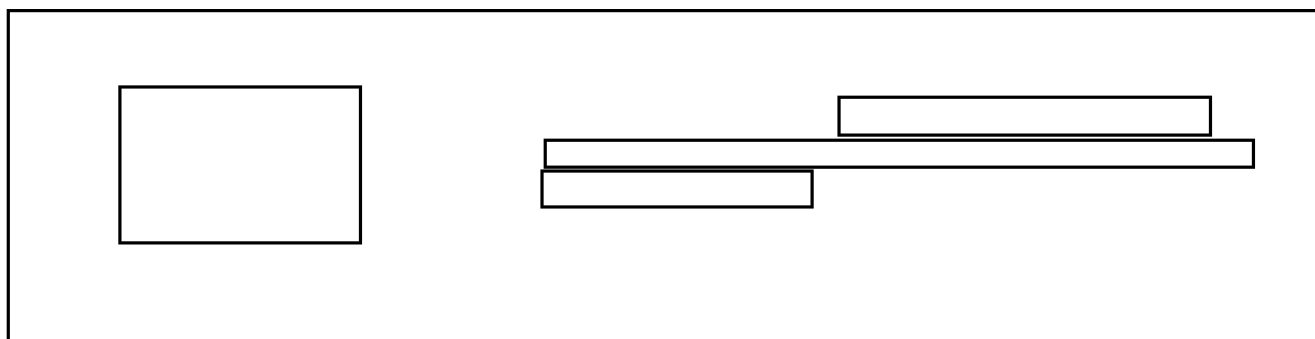
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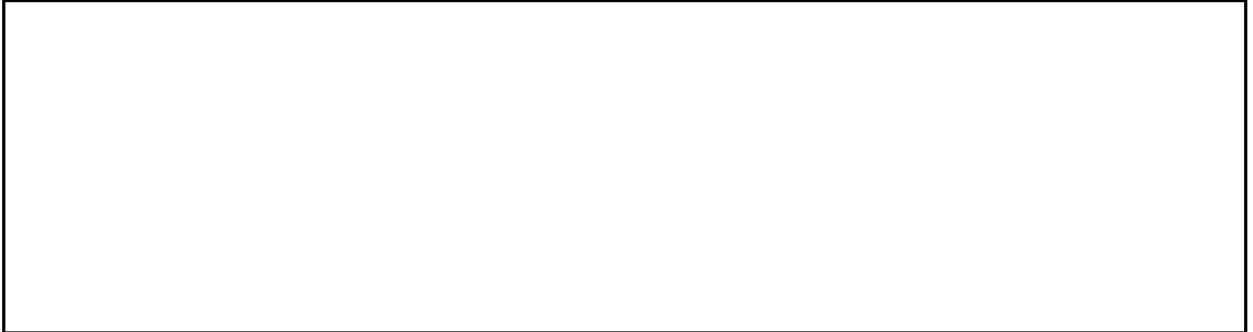
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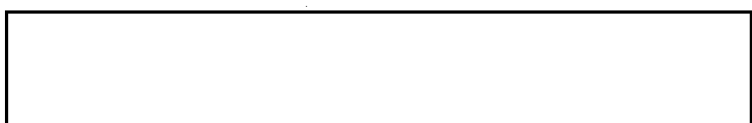
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3. Taipei agrees in principle to withdrawal of forces from Burma:

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Taipei agrees in principle to the withdrawal of Chinese Nationalist forces from Burma but, because of the practical difficulties involved, "cannot be held responsible" for failing to effect it.

Comment: The Nationalist Government has previously been reluctant even to agree in principle to the withdrawal and probably will not cooperate in carrying it out.

Meanwhile the Burmese Government on 25 March lodged a complaint with the United Nations against Chinese Nationalist aggression.

SOUTHEAST ASIA

4. Polish ship in Rangoon loading rubber and steel for Communist China:

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A Polish vessel is in Rangoon loading 1, 500 tons of Burmese rubber and 300 tons of scrap steel for discharge at the Chinese Communist port of Whampoa, following a stop at Colombo.



The American Embassy in Rangoon believes that the decision by the Burmese to permit this shipment was reached at cabinet level.

Comment: This shipment will mark the first known delivery of rubber from a United Nations member to Communist China since the UN-sponsored embargo of May 1951.

In early February, a Burmese Cabinet member told an Embassy officer that in view of its neutral foreign policy, Burma was reluctant to forbid rubber exports to China. This is probably a sincere explanation, considering the Rangoon government's extreme fear of angering Peiping.

NEAR EAST - AFRICA

5. Mossadeq reportedly takes steps to remove Majlis opposition leader:

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On 20 March Prime Minister Mossadeq appointed Haerizadeh, pro-Shah leader of the opposition in the Majlis, as a "special inspector" of Iranian diplomatic missions

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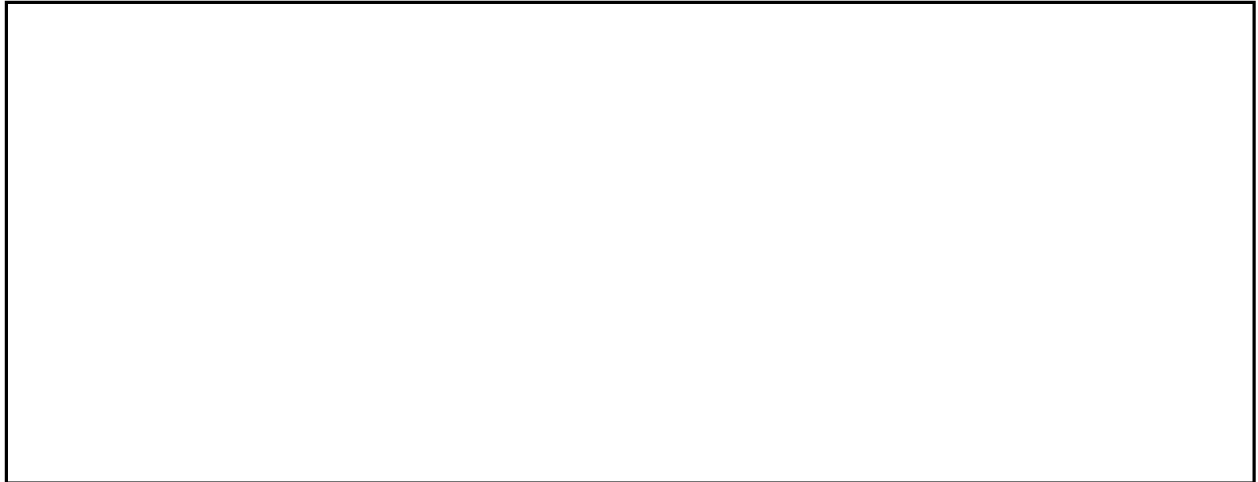
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Comment: Mossadeq, feeling that Haerizadeh, who recently formed a 10-man "Freedom" group in the Majlis, could not be accused of being a "British agent," apparently chose this method as the simplest way to remove him.

The same tactics were employed last September to remove another potential Mossadeq rival, Allahyar Saleh, who was appointed Ambassador to the United States.

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7. Israel asks United States for \$70,000,000 grant:

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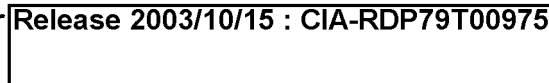
Ambassador Eban and three other Israeli officials in Washington have asked the State Department for a grant of approximately \$70,000,000 to meet debts falling due between April 1953 and May 1954. The Israelis stated that the national debt would be permanently reduced by that amount.

Comment: On 10 March Ambassador Davis reported from Tel Aviv that Israel was planning to request "one-time" special assistance from the United States and would require \$20,000,000 in outside aid for the quarter ending 30 June 1953.

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